The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, the 30th January 1923, the hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR Avargal, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions, and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Nominated Indian Christian members in municipal councils, etc., in the Tanjore, etc., districts.

710 *Q.*—Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Indian Christians nominated to the municipal councils and local boards in the districts of Tanjore, Trichinopoly and Madura, and the proportion of Roman Catholic members to the other nominated Indian Christian members on each council and board ?

A.—A statement showing the number of Indian Christians (Protestants and Roman Catholics) nominated to the district boards, taluk boards and municipal councils in the districts of Tanjore, Trichinopoly and Madura is placed on the table.*

Conference of jenmies and tenants of Malabar.

711 *Q.*—Mr. A. D. M. BAVOTTI SAHIB : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a conference of jenmies and tenants of Malabar was held at Madras on 1st November 1922 at the invitation of His Excellency the Governor ;

(*b*) who were invited for the conference ;

(*c*) who was responsible for the selection of the members and what were their qualifications to speak on behalf of the party represented by each ;

(*d*) whether Mr. T. A Kallianakrishna Ayyar, High Court Vakil, was one of those invited ; if so, on whose behalf he appeared and whether he produced a vakalat ;

(*e*) whether the representative of the Malabar landholders in the Legislative Council was invited ; if not, why not ;

(*f*) what the travelling allowance drawn by each of the members was ;

(*g*) whether any compromise was arrived at as a result of the conference ; and

(*h*) if so, what ?

* Vide Appendix A on page 1368 infra.

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A.—(*a*), (*c*), (*d*), (*e*), (*g*) & (*h*) His Excellency the Governor invited a number of gentlemen from North and South Malabar to discuss informally the problem of land tenures in Malabar. There was no question of compromise. The gentlemen invited were selected with a view to elicit opinion from the point of view of the jenmies, kanamdars and verumpattamdars. Mr. Kalyanakrishna Ayyar was allowed to be present.

(*b*) The names of the gentlemen invited are appended.*

(*f*) The Government have no information.

Grant of land to non-Hindu depressed classes.

712 *Q.*—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what classes of persons are included in the term 'depressed classes';

(*b*) whether Doodekulas, Noorbash and other non-Hindus also come under the category of depressed classes; and

(*c*) what are the arrangements made to grant lands to the poor classes of people detailed above?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the press communiqué in G.O. No. 559, Revenue, dated 8th March 1920.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) No special arrangements are made.

Depressed classes representation in the Chidambaram taluk board.

713 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of nominated members in the Chidambaram taluk board, and how many of them are non-Brahmans;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that there is no representative of the depressed classes in the Chidambaram taluk board; and

(*c*) why no representative of the depressed classes has been nominated to the said board?

A.—Members of taluk boards are appointed by the President of the District Board. The hon. Member may address the President in the matter.

Depressed classes representation in the Chingleput taluk board.

714 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of nominated members in the Chingleput taluk board, and how many of them are non-Brahmans; and

(*b*) whether there is no representative of the depressed classes on this board, and why?

A.—Members of taluk boards are appointed by the President of the District Board. The hon. Member may address the President in the matter.

* Vide Appendix B on page 1369 infra.